

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 28

Introduced by Assembly Member Cook

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 28—Relative to the United States Postal Service.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 28, as introduced, Cook. United States Postal Service.

This measure would urge the United States Postal Service to end its plan to reduce the frequency of mail delivery from 6 days to 5 days a week, and to take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of this 6-day mail delivery service.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service has proposed to
2 reduce the frequency of its mail delivery service from six days to
3 five days a week; and
4 WHEREAS, Reducing the frequency of delivery service would
5 seriously reduce the ability of the United States Postal Service,
6 which after the Department of Defense is the largest employer of
7 veterans in the nation, to offer decent jobs and benefits to our brave
8 servicemen and women, who are deployed overseas, when they
9 return home from their tour of duty; and
10 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service provides essential
11 service to rural communities by helping to keep them connected
12 to the rest of the nation; and
13 WHEREAS, Six-day mail delivery to over 150 million homes
14 and businesses across the nation is an essential service that the

1 American people have relied on since 1912, particularly families
2 that depend on the United States Postal Service for the timely
3 delivery of their bills, payments, paychecks, and other
4 correspondences; and

5 WHEREAS, Social security is the primary or sole source of
6 income for many senior citizens, and any delay in the delivery of
7 their social security checks would make it difficult for them to
8 purchase essential items, such as food and mail order prescription
9 drugs; and

10 WHEREAS, Many California businesses and dozens of small
11 and large produce suppliers rely heavily on the United States Postal
12 Service to provide timely delivery of their products across the
13 nation; and

14 WHEREAS, Reducing mail delivery service to five days a week
15 would inevitably cause delays in the delivery of mail and higher
16 postal costs due to the additional overtime that the United States
17 Postal Service would require in order to handle the resulting
18 backlog of mail; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
20 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature urges the United States
21 Postal Service to end its plan to reduce the frequency of mail
22 delivery from six days to five days a week, and to take all
23 appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of this six-day
24 mail delivery service; and be it further

25 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
26 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
27 States, to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of
28 Representatives, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United
29 States Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California
30 in the Congress of the United States, to the United States
31 Postmaster, and to the author for appropriate distribution.